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1. Location of Chemical Plant in northwest part of Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27).
2. Railroad Line Prerov - Olomouc.
3. Prerov.

Site Layout:

2. Reference is made to page 5 sketch of Chemical Plant

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1. Gate with guard station. This was the only entrance into the plant, guarded by four civilian guards in black uniform, plant guard (Zavodni straz - ZS), with red, seven centimeter wide band on left sleeve on which the letters ZS (six centimeters high, black) were embroidered. Guards were armed with pistols. The premises were guarded 24 hours.
2. Building. Brick, 150 x 8 x 4 m., single story, tar paper shed-type roof, contained lavatories and locker rooms. There was not a fence between building and road (point 19).

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3. Storage Building. Stone foundation and wooden walls, 150 x 20 x 10 m. Contained castor beans (ricinovi boby) in 80 kg. burlap sacks, from which castor oil was made. Building had a concrete floor. Along the south side of the building was a wooden ramp adjacent to railroad spur for loading and unloading castor bean sacks. The ramp was 1.5 m. high.
4. Machine Shop. Located in building (point 3). Entrance to shop on north side of building. Shop measured 15 x 10 m. Source observed two lathes and one forge in the shop. About 15 men worked there.
- 50X1 5. Building. Brick, old, 150 x 25 x 10 m. [redacted]
- 50X1 6. Building. Brick, 60 x 30 x 15 m., two-storied. [redacted]
- 50X1 [redacted] sulphuric acid was made there. [redacted]
- 50X1 7. Building. Brick, 80 x 25 x 20 m., three-storied. [redacted]
- 50X1 [redacted] once a month one railroad car
- 50X1 arrived in front of this building and small melting-pots
- 50X1 (kelimky) made from baked clay were unloaded and transferred
- 50X1 to this building. [redacted]
- 50X1 8. Building. Brick, old, 100 x 25 x 15 m., two-storied. [redacted]
- 50X1 [redacted] H_2SO_4 was made there. Two pipe
- 50X1 lines led from this building to building (point 7).
9. Open Storage Area. Contained pyrites. Storage area was approximately 80 x 30 m. and was enclosed by a 70 cm. high concrete wall. A railroad spur led into the area and branched into several lines upon which moved small tilting cars with a capacity of one cubic meter.
10. Building. Brick, 40 x 25 x 10 m.; contained;
 - a. Foreman department with one man.
 - b. Lavatories.
 - c. Locker rooms for 30 people.
 - d. Tool storage.
11. Building. Brick, 40 x 20 x 15 m., two stories. Fertilizer was produced in building. First floor contained canteen and machinery (type and description unknown). The second floor was used for storage of material for production of fertilizers. Material was in 30 kg. paper sacks. These sacks were lowered to the first floor on an elevator of two ton capacity. About 50 people (10 women) worked in this building.
- 50X1 12. Building. Brick, 60 x 60 x 15 m., two stories. Production of
- 50X1 castor oil took place in this building. [redacted]
13. Boiler House. Brick, 40 x 20 x 10 m.
14. Building. New, constructed in 1952, brick, round roof, thin concrete walls, called "skorepina" or shell. It measured 100 x 40 x 15 m. On the north side was a ramp with four automatic shovels for unloading grayish-white powder which caused workers to choke.

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15. Administration Building. Brick, 30 x 15 x 10 m., two-storied. Contained offices. Entrance on east side.
16. Storage Building. Contained benzine and other incendiary material. Brick building, 10 x 10 x 2 m. with larger part of storage underground.
17. Air Raid Shelter. [redacted] this was an air raid shelter. [redacted] Concrete circular construction. Construction was begun in January 1953. [redacted]
18. Guard Post. One plant militia guard, armed with pistol, guarded entrance through which locomotives passed.
19. Road. Prerov to Dluhonice, eight meters wide, packed surface, ditches and fruit trees on sides.
20. Two Railroad Bridges. Steel construction on an eight-meter clay fill. Bridges were 15 m. long and eight meters wide.
21. Viaduct over Beca River. Sixty meters long, 20 m. wide, steel construction, three piers in center section, one walk for pedestrians.
22. Dam with four cross rods and three sluices.
23. Boat Yard. This used to belong to Sokol athletic organization. Contained several kayaks and other small boats.
24. Walk for pedestrians. 1.5 m. wide.
25. Railroad Spur. Branch off from main railroad tracks to plant.
26. Dump area. Contained waste materials.
27. Chimney. Brick, 50 m. high, 3 m. diameter at base. Emitted yellow smoke.
28. Area where railroad cars stood. Cars were filled with H_2SO_4 here. About four railroad cars (capacity unknown) were filled daily.
29. Grinding Machine. Used for crushing pyrites.
30. Fence. Wooden, 2.5 m. high. Surrounded the entire plant area with exception of boundary along which building (point 2) extended.

Additional Information:

3. [redacted] during World War II the chemical plant called Lucebni Zavody, located on Luhovska Street, used to produce margarine and sulphuric acid. All buildings (except point 14) were pre-war buildings. [redacted] 400 - 500 people worked there in two shifts from 0600-1400 hours and from 1400-2200 hours. [redacted] the workers in three buildings (points 6, 7, and 8) worked in three shifts. Raw material, pyrites, arrived from Russia (very poor quality), Algeria, and France. Five to six railroad cars of raw material arrived daily from Prerov railroad station. No special passes were issued to workers for leaving and entering the plant. Three to four railroad tank cars were filled with H_2SO_4 daily. [redacted] there were no Russian personnel. All workers in this plant were civilians. Morale among

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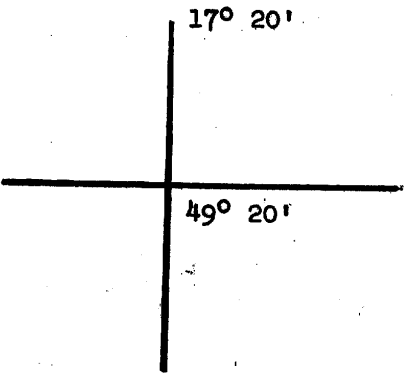
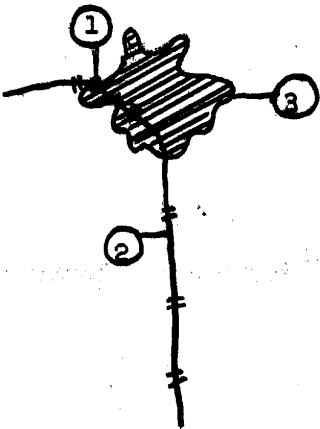
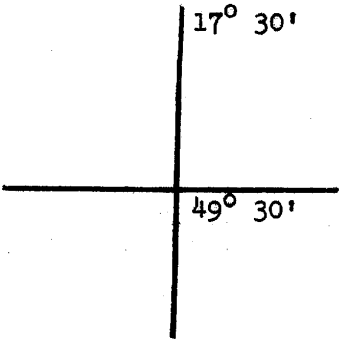
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50X1 workers was average.
50X1 Working conditions were rather bad due
50X1 to the many types of poisonous fumes. The buildings were old, had
50X1 poor ventilating systems, and old, dark lavatories.

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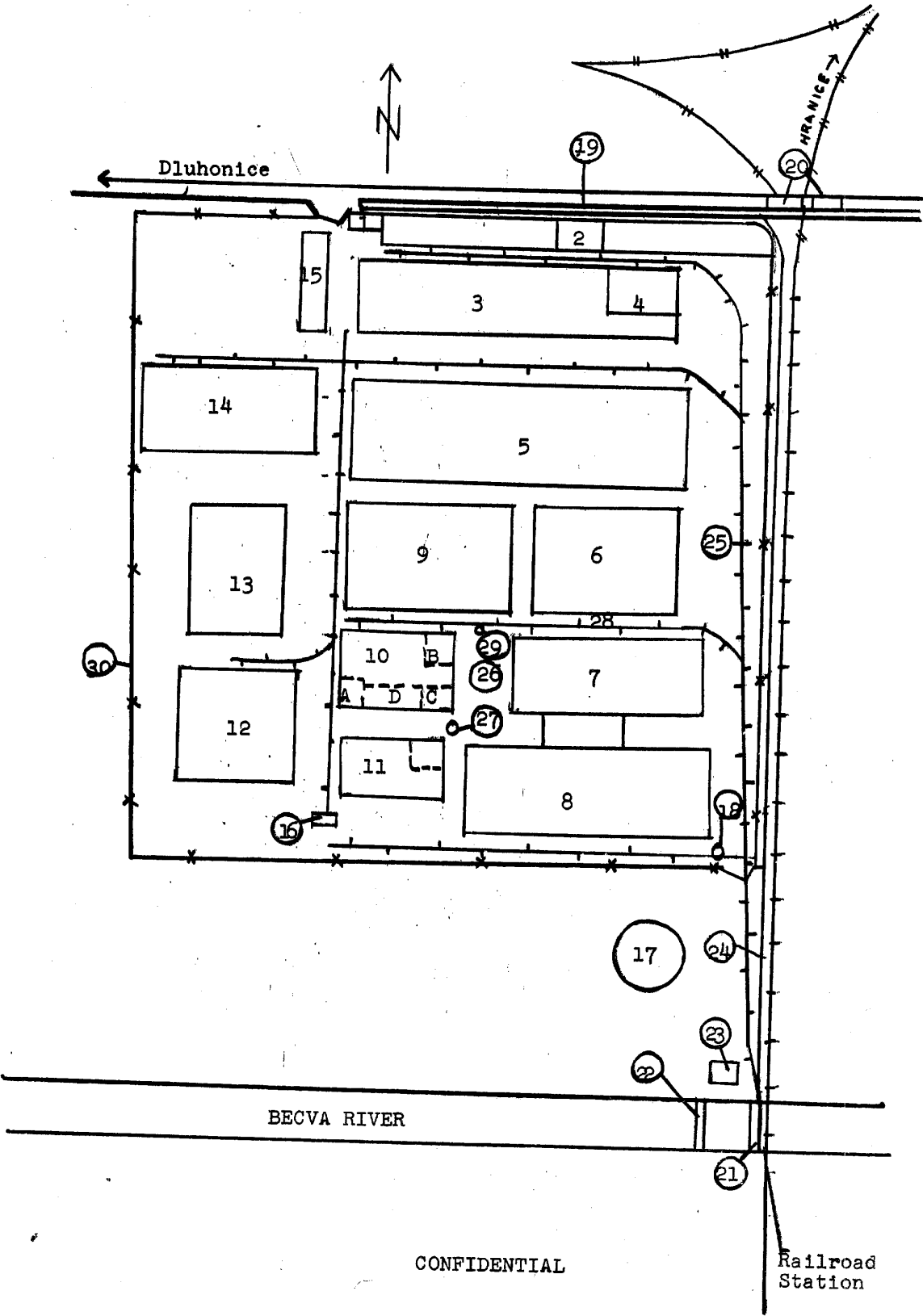
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